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# Dunn will use past experiences, connections as new president

## Diversity and expansion are key

**SARA BERTSCH**  
Editor-in-Chief

To an overflowing room of faculty, staff, students and community members, the South Dakota Board of Regents appointed Barry Dunn as the 20th president of South Dakota State University on Monday, April 25.

Regent Kathryn Johnson barely finished announcing Dunn's name before the crowded room exploded into applause. Johnson led the presidential search committee.

"We know that a high performing president needs a network that extends all the way from the Campanile to across the state and across the country," Johnson said during the announcement. "And as demonstrated by the incredible outpouring of support for Dr. Dunn's candidacy, we know that he's already got in place, starting today, that strong team committed to a common purpose of forwarding SDSU."

Dunn is the current dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at SDSU. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree and doctorate in animal science, all from SDSU.

He was one of four finalists for the presidency at SDSU who interviewed on campus last week with different campus entities, including a student forum.

Dunn was the only candidate with ties to SDSU. This was demonstrated with his continuous praises and compliments for his alma mater during the announcement.

"In this, I'm not an outsider looking in, but an insider looking out," Dunn said. "I'm looking out at my alma mater that I love."

Dunn's first day will be May 23. He succeeds David Chicoine, who has served as SDSU's president since 2007.

"Like them and all of you, I care deeply about this place," Dunn said to the crowd filled with SDSU staff, faculty and students. "I've personally witnessed and benefited from its multifaceted, enriching work. I've also come to observe and understand its challenges and areas of opportunity."

One of the challenges, according to Dunn, is enrollment management. He said that enrollment in higher education is flat, especially in this region.



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Barry Dunn has served as the dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences for six years. His first official day as SDSU's president will be May 23.

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# INCLUSION

## ‘We have a long ways to go’

**KATHERINE CLAYTON**  
Managing Editor

Kevin Ingram feels “included” in the South Dakota State University community about half the time on campus. Judy Vega and Alix Alfke feel accepted “at times.”

Their perception of life for minority students at SDSU isn't uncommon. As the university grows more diverse, some students of color don't believe there is a strong enough emphasis on inclusion.

SDSU isn't alone in struggling with this issue. Topics about race, such as diversity and inclusion, have received national attention since the events in Ferguson, Missouri in 2014 and last fall with the protests at the University of Missouri.

Ingram, an African American sophomore political science major, spends his free time in the Multicultural Center.

“Inclusion, in my opinion, would be the university and the student body making a deliberate effort in including students in every activity and making students feel that they are just students and they're not what people would normally see on the surface,” Ingram said.

He said he wants to be involved in many communities on campus, but he can't provide his assistance if he doesn't feel accepted.

“I feel that hinders me as a person and student here at SDSU,” Ingram said.

To have inclusion there needs to be education, ac-

ording to Ingram.

SDSU President David Chicoine's administration has been dedicated to this area through events, hires and policies, including SDSU's strategic plan, Impact 2018. The effectiveness of these efforts depends on who is asked.

The next president, Barry Dunn, was announced Monday, April 25. During his interview with students, he said diversity and inclusion should be “a core value” of a land-grant university.

Dunn shows his passion for diversity and inclusion through his personal experience and by helping to strengthen tribal colleges in South Dakota.

Out of the 12,589 students at SDSU, 85 percent of students are white, 6.4 percent non-resident aliens, 2 percent Hispanic, 2 percent African American, 1.9 percent multi-racial, 1.1 percent Asian and 1 percent American Indian.

When comparing South Dakota's numbers to SDSU, the state contains more people of minorities than the university. In 2014, 77.4 percent of the state was white, 13.2 percent African American, 1.2 percent American Indian and Alaska Native, 5.4 percent Asian, 0.2 percent Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 2.5 percent two or more races and 17.4 percent Hispanic or Latino, according to the Census Bureau.

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## Daily Crime Log

- 4.17.16
- 1:14 a.m. @ 800 block Jackrabbit. Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Underage Consumption and Fleeing Officer.
- 4.18.16
- 12:28 a.m. @ Mathews Hall. Underage Consumption.
- 4.20.16
- 10:08 a.m. @ Student Union. Petty Theft.
- 4.21.16
- 3:52 p.m. @ Big East Lot. Attempted Theft from MV.
  - 8:10 p.m. @ Wellness Center. Harassment.
  - 10:17 p.m. @ 200 Block of the Bypass. DUI.
- 4.22.16
- 12:11 a.m. @ SE Lot. Alcohol Policy Violation.
  - 1:18 a.m. @ I29 SB on Ramp 1133. Poss. of Marijuana, Poss. of Paraphernalia, Ingesting, Underage Consumption, Underage 21 Driver.
  - 10:19 a.m. @ Mathews Hall. Alarm Activation.
- 4.23.16
- 12:00 a.m. @ 1500 Block 8th St. 2 Underage Consumptions, 2 Open Containers, 1 Poss. of Fictitious ID, 1 Fleeing, and 1 Littering.
  - 1:09 a.m. @ Binnewies Hall. Alcohol Policy Violation.
  - 3:21 a.m. @ 1600 Block 8th St. DUI, 2 Underage Consumptions, and Brake Light Out.
  - 4:15 a.m. @ Brown Hall. Underage Consumption.



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The band Totally Rad entertains the crowd on the Sylvan Green during last year's KSDJ New Rock May Day Music Festival. Last year's event drew a crowd of around 350 people.

## May Day Festival rings in spring downtown

**SELENA YAKABE**  
News Editor

KSDJ will host its second annual May Day Festival Friday, April 29 in Downtown Brookings beginning at 4 p.m.

The event is free to students and community members alike.

The line up includes: Totally Rad, Horseplay, The Tinder Box, Warehouse Eyes and Communist Daughter. A photo booth, face painting, crafts, art, balloon animals and plants will also be part of the festival.

The Horticulture Club will have a booth selling various plants and mushroom logs.

Bobbi Egeberg, the KSDJ station manager, said she was mostly responsible for determining the lineup.

"I'm most excited to see Warehouse Eyes because they're new, and I've never seen them live before," Egeberg said. "The rest of these bands I have seen live, but I'm still really excited for Communist Daughter be-

cause they're so much fun and they're really nice people, too."

Mary Berg, the KSDJ program director, said the goal was to have local Midwest bands.

Both The Tinder Box and Horseplay have roots at SDSU as prior or current students, Berg said.

For Egeberg, the festival is mostly just to show people there is a lot of talent in the area.

"There's good bands that come out of everywhere," Egeberg said. "The Midwest has something going on, too."

Egeberg said she wanted to bring more live music to the campus and community.

"We got so much support from local businesses downtown," Egeberg said. "But I feel like sometimes there's a disconnect between the university and Brookings."

By hosting the event in a more central location downtown, Egeberg said she hopes the event will help to bridge the gap between

campus and the community.

According to Egeberg, the festival costs about \$6,500 to put on this year, but they have received sponsorship from local businesses and the campus.

"It was just kind of nice how supportive businesses were and organizations on campus were to get involved even if it wasn't monetary," Egeberg said.

Last year, there was a crowd of about 350 throughout the day, and so far, many people have shown interest just through Facebook alone, Egeberg said. They hope at least 300 people attend again.

Berg said the event can be enjoyed by everyone.

"Even if you don't know some of these artists you can still show up at our festival and enjoy yourself," Berg said. "You can enjoy the music because we have such good local music."

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## Blue Dasher Farm: putting science behind sustainable farming practices

**ELISE HUGHES BERHEIM**  
Reporter

About 25 miles north of Brookings, visitors can find the Blue Dasher Farm, a place incorporating research and education to promote sustainable farming practices.

The farm was started by John Lundgren, an adjunct faculty member at South Dakota State University who most recently held a position at the United States Department of Agriculture.

Lundgren left the USDA in March, which led him and his wife to purchase 53 acres that would become the Blue Dasher Farm. Along with this purchase, they started a non-profit organization called Ecdysis, which will use the facilities on the farm to conduct research.

Lundgren, his wife Jenna, and three other graduate students will make up the organization, with a staff of undergraduates to help run projects for the summer. Lundgren said he eventually wants this to be a national network.

Lundgren said he is excited about what the future holds for Blue Dasher Farm.

"There's a lot of momentum behind this, we are going to take advantage of that," he said. "We know the answer to the problem, we just need to get it done and make it happen."

Research will focus on pollinator promotion, conserving biodiversity, diversifying cropping systems profitably, and rangeland ecology.

The farm will serve to educate students, beekeepers and farmers alike. The Lundgrens will also incorporate livestock into their sustainable farm to cut down on chemical usage on cover crops and orchards.

"This is something that has never been done before, something that I and the other three students



SUBMITTED PHOTO

John Lundgren started the Blue Dasher Farm, along with his wife Jenna and three graduate students.

really wanted to be a part of," said Jacob Pecenka, a master's student who works with Lundgren.

Support for this idea arose from debt financing for the land and facilities and through crowdfunding. It arose from beekeepers, farmers, and people from all over the world.

"We had a lot of public support and a lot of funding came from groups like American Honey Producers Association and American Beekeeper," Jenna Lundgren said.

In the next five years, the duo hopes to have an educational curriculum up and running, active research transpiring and have the farm be producing enough to sustain itself. They'd also like to make an income and start up at least two more farms in the United States.




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Research at the Blue Dasher Farms will focus on pollination, conservation and other aspects of sustainability. The farm is meant to educate students, beekeepers and farmers on the importance of sustainability in farming.

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# Education center boasts local food production techniques

**PAT BOWDEN**  
Reporter

Spring 2017 will see the first crop planted of the Local Foods Education Center, a 1.3-acre hands-on learning environment that stemmed from the plant science course 'Local Foods.

The center will take an in depth look into the urbanized farming of fresh foods and the local distribution.

The facility will be located on Medary Avenue on the northern edge entrance to campus and it will meet the demand for growing local foods markets.

The purpose of this facility is rooted in teaching the different methods of urban farming, which is a growing public interest, according to David Wright, head of the Department of Plant Science.

"The movement to local foods and consumption is wrapped around people wanting to know where their food is coming from and the belief that local food is safer to eat ... there's a vastly growing de-

mand for what's being locally produced," Wright said.

This transcending trend has turned into a public thirst for fresher food that has also pushed the plant science department to follow the pattern, Wright said. Not only will the center offer student courses but also courses for the local community.

"This [facility] is a new concept that is more hands on, more structured than what it was in the past and it's more in demand by students and want-to-be entrepreneurs that want to get involved in local foods production," Wright said. "It will produce food but we're not talking about massive amounts of food, this is being put in place to teach students and local residents the techniques for small-scale agriculture ... [it will not] compete with local folks who do this for a living."

The faculty member instructing the local foods course next fall, Brett Owens, believes this will be a fresh experience for the university that will bring more oppor-

tunities to campus.

"[I'm most excited for an] exciting new project to be at the ground level of something new, and having a facility like this is truly groundbreaking for the university; to be able to have an education center with this type of access to student horticulture on campus is wonderful," Owens said. "Also, the chance to work with so many people; all the different colleges on campus will be a very unique and rewarding experience."

Owens has years of local foods production experience and has a "huge passion for local foods." He has also worked with local foods producers in the area who are part of the local foods movement to grow the market.

Local foods production is not the same thing as backyard gardening; a more formal definition of local foods is land one to 20 acres that distributes within a 50-mile radius, Wright said.

Techniques used in these food productions are the same techniques large

commercial farming uses only on a smaller scale. These methods include low volume irrigation techniques, various weed control techniques and high tunnels that allow earlier planting and later harvesting for the winter months. To accomplish these sorts of practices, water and sewer lines will be installed, electricity will run to the center and a perimeter fence will be erected.

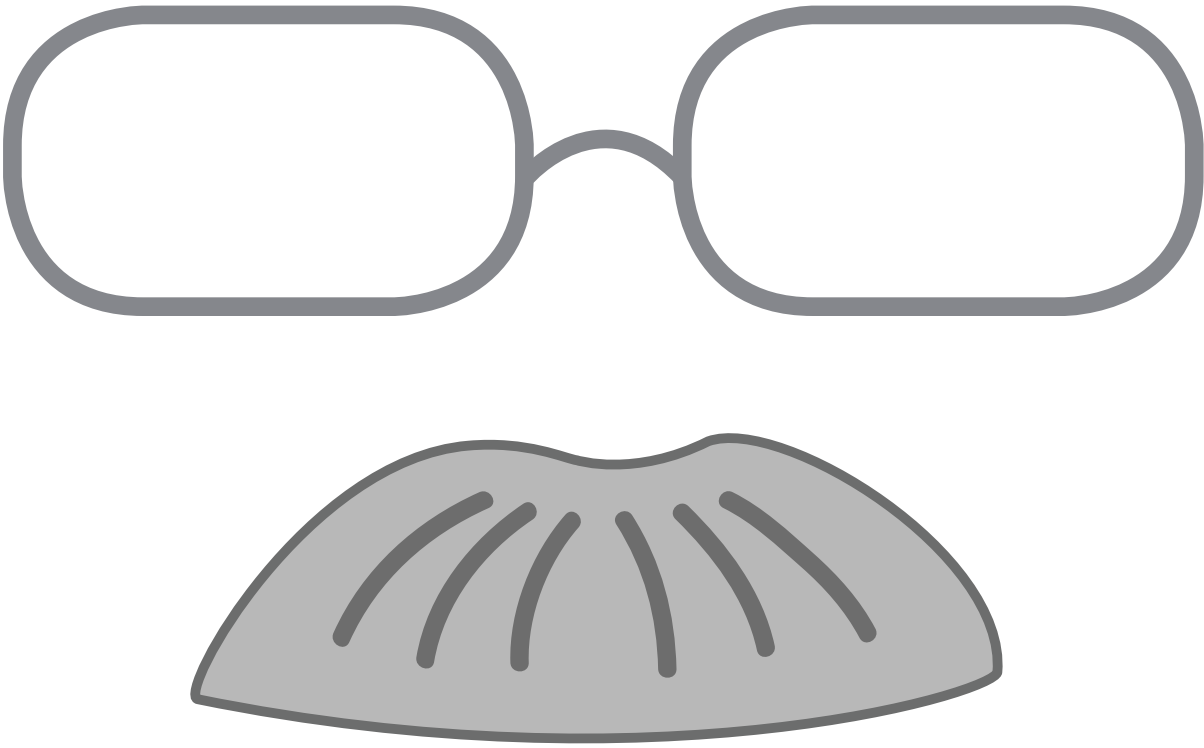
"We've started last fall preparing the site. The summer of 2016 will be dedicated to putting in the infrastructure," Wright said.

According to Owens, exposing students to these types of growing techniques will offer learning opportunities not every university can offer, and this will also be a way for researchers to experiment with these technologies.

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"We will be using the facility cam-

# Students say thanks with Chicoine's Mustache Day



By Makenzie Huber, News Editor

President David Chicoine let out a quick but forceful laugh, making him lean back in his seat.

"About the mustache? I have no idea," he said, referring to students' peculiar obsession with his facial hair. "I guess people have to have some sense of connectivity—and I'm not real tall, I'm not real round, so it must be my facial hair."

Nick Lorang, Students' Association finance chair, thought its uniqueness and prominence were why students are obsessed with his mustache.

"I think it's because he can pull off a mustache without looking like a 70s porn star," Lorang said.

After more than nine years serving as president at South Dakota State, President Chicoine is stepping down. Lorang, with the help of other students, has helped to celebrate and recognize Chicoine for his, and his mustache's, legacy at SDSU with "Chicoine's Mustache Day."

Lorang introduced a commemorative resolution at an SA meeting earlier this year to announce the event, reading: "President Chicoine's mustache has long been lauded as an exemplary display of facial plumage and has been a fixture at South Dakota State University in its own right."

Students will have the opportunity to experience how Chicoine feels by wearing their own adhesive mustaches on April 28, 2016. The Students' Association declared this day as Chicoine's Mustache Day, and thousands of mustaches were ordered so that students can wear them throughout the day. The mustaches can be picked up in The Union between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. that day.

Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. on the north patio of The Union to honor Chicoine and Provost Laurie Nichols' work and dedication to SDSU.

There will also be a "Mustache Crunch" flavor of ice cream served in honor of Chicoine.

Matt Dahle, former SA vice president, said students should celebrate Chicoine's work because he will "go down in history as one of the most influential presidents" at SDSU because he's been the head of an "absolute growth and rebirth" of SDSU.

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# the Opinion

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## the Collegian Editorial

**Issue:**  
The next president of SDSU was announced, finally.

### The search is ‘Dunn’ in finding a new president

This week, faculty, staff and students finally received an answer to one of the biggest questions of the semester -- who will be South Dakota State’s next president?

Lucky for us, the next president is a familiar face. He even has his own ice cream flavor. Barry Dunn was appointed as David Chicoine’s successor. And it is common knowledge of Dunn’s love for SDSU.

During the transitioning process from Chicoine to Dunn, it is important to look at what Chicoine has done during his time at SDSU and to look forward at what Dunn will bring to the university.

Chicoine has been responsible for raising considerable funds, being an active participant in student-hosted events, creating strategic plans, making new majors and degrees, build-

ing new buildings and residence halls, increasing success in academic programs and switching to NCAA Division I athletics.

In addition to all of his professional success, he has also made a personal attempt to get to know the students. He and his wife, Marcia, are present at many international nights.

Also, he embraces the love the student body has for his famous mustache. But all good things eventually come to a close.

We, The Collegian, believe that Chicoine leaving is a loss for SDSU, but Dunn is fully capable to fill the empty position and continue SDSU’s strong legacy.

Dunn was born and raised in South Dakota, which allows him to resonate with a large population on campus. His past has allowed him to connect with all students.

To top it all off, Dunn received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate all at SDSU.

During the interview process, Dunn said that he bleeds yellow and blue. His statement is evidence to his advocacy for internships, study abroad and everything related to SDSU.

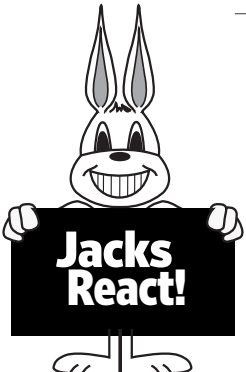
It was a no-brainer for Dunn to become president because he knows the campus in a way none of the other presidential candidates could. Dunn becoming president also provides a smoother transition from the Chicoine administration to the Dunn administration.

The only complaint The Collegian has is that Dunn does not have any distinguishing facial hair.

However, the deed is ‘Dunn.’ He is our new president and the campus is ready to see what the years ahead will bring.

**Stance:**  
Choosing Barry Dunn as SDSU’s next president solidifies the future of this campus.

The Collegian staff meets weekly and agrees on the issue of the editorial. The editorial represents the opinion of The Collegian.



“I haven’t seen his mustache. Obviously it’s not big enough.”

**Jake Holt**  
Mechanical Engineering Senior



“I appreciate the mustache. It looks very professional but also allows people to make mustache jokes about him.”

**Bailie Carlson**  
Pharmacy Sophomore



“Who is that person?”

**Marco Paulo Castro**  
Civil Engineering Sophomore



“I like that his mustache is very original and that he doesn’t care what people think about his appearance.”

**Maria Velazco Fasce**  
Food Science Sophomore

## Don’t believe everything that is said about the food industry

**KENDRA DAVIS**  
Columnist

I’ve been reading articles lately about things that are “safe” and “not safe” for humans to eat. As an agricultural major as well as someone who grew up on a farm that raises beef cattle, I am always interested in consumers’ viewpoints.

I think it is very important to read articles from different sources to make sure that you are getting factional and reliable information. I also think that as a producer, it is important for myself to know what “food trends” consumers are following right now as well as what some of the most influential bloggers are saying about agriculture.

It amazes me how many people will read one article about a controversial food topic and immediately jump on the band-

wagon. A lot of food topics and crazes are simply trends that are not backed by scientific evidence or anything at all, they are simply opinions.

I read an article today by the Food Babe about why you should never eat Girl Scout Thin Mints because of the ingredients in them. She went on to say that it was mostly because they contain sugar from sugar beets (where a lot of sugar comes from) that are fertilized by Roundup Ready fertilizers when they are growing.

Many farmers use fertilizers on their crops to keep the bugs away, to help the crops grow and to keep the weeds from growing. People use the same things in their gardens at home to grow fresh produce for their own consumption or to sell at local markets. I don’t know about you, but I would not want to consume

apples filled with worms or corn that was full of bugs. These types of practices help get rid of these problems.

I also know for a fact that the Food Babe is not going to stop me from eating Girl Scout Thin Mints. They are one of my favorite things in the whole world. If she would have done a little bit of research instead of basing this article off of things that were not all true, she would not be worried about eating them either.

I read a couple of the other articles while I was on her blog and was astounded at what I was reading. Many of the things on her blog are not backed by any sources. She uses a lot of scare tactics to persuade people to believe her such as “You’ll never want to eat (insert food here) after hearing what’s really in it.” I would rather be an in-

formed consumer than a scared one.

Another big topic in food right now is making sure you are eating “antibiotic-free meat.” All meat is antibiotic-free, though. According to Alltech.com, antibiotics given to animals to treat sickness have a withdrawal period, meaning the animal may not be sold for market until a certain time has gone by. This ensures that the antibiotic has completely left the animal’s system. This means there will be no antibiotics or antibiotic residue in the meat.

Farmers and ranchers care for the animals that they are raising. If an animal is sick, an antibiotic is sometimes the only thing to give them to ensure that they make a recovery.

I understand that there are a lot of blogs and websites saying otherwise, but people need to

make sure that they are reading articles from reliable sources.

The best sources for finding out more about what goes into your food is talking to a farmer or someone who is involved in the agriculture industry. Some websites like the USDA and the FDA are also really good sources. Try not to jump on any band-wagons until you know for sure that the things you are doing are actually benefiting your health.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about farming or where your food comes from. I am not a nutritionist or a dietitian, but I can answer any questions about farming because that is what I know.

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# Striving for diversity and inclusion

Racial relations and inclusion issues have captured national headlines in recent months. From events in Ferguson, Missouri to the protests at the University of Missouri over racial inequality have spurred even more conversations nationwide. South Dakota State University officials have worked to increase diversity on campus and to make everyone feel welcome. Everyone has an opinion on how SDSU is doing with these issues. In that spirit, we talked to eight students and faculty on campus about their experiences at SDSU.

**KySean Gregory**  
**Major:** Advertising  
**Hometown:** Windsor, Virginia

**SHAHEED M. MORRIS**  
Reporter

With his style, colored hair and facial piercing, KySean Gregory stands out on the South Dakota State University campus.

“My personality overwhelms a lot of people before they overwhelm me,” Gregory said.

Gregory, a native of Virginia, said he decided to attend SDSU largely due to the inexpensive tuition as the nation grapples with skyrocketing tuition.

“I picked SDSU because it was inexpensive for my parents’ pockets,” Gregory said. “SDSU has done a pretty good job at giving me a well-rounded education.”

Gregory, who refers to himself as the only “openly gay black student at the university,” said he has not faced any homophobia or racism in his three years on campus.

“I have never felt excluded because I’m black and gay,” Gregory said.

Gregory, who was adopted by a white family, said he always felt comfortable



around white people.

“I didn’t experience a cultural shock at all by coming to a predominantly white university,” Gregory said.

He attends the Gay Straight Alliance and the Black Student Alliance meetings weekly. Gregory is a member of the Pride of Dakotas Marching Band and the University Program Council.

“I never had any inhospitality towards me during my time at SDSU,” Gregory said. “The school is inclusive.”

The rising senior plans to become a marketing coordinator or an arts director after he graduates from SDSU next year.

**Adair Chase**  
**Major:** Consumer Affairs  
**Hometown:** Volga, South Dakota

**SARA BERTSCH**  
Editor-in-Chief

Growing up only seven miles away from the university in Volga, South Dakota, Adair Chase always knew she’d eventually attend South Dakota State.

Chase is a senior at SDSU majoring in consumer affairs, but she’s also a member of the 114th Fighter Wing-Air Guard Unit in South Dakota.

She spends her time in the Veterans Resource Center, more commonly known as the VRC.

“There were people in my classes that I didn’t know were in the service until I met them in the VRC,” Chase said in regards to inclusion on campus. “We also are in connection with the staff of VRC, they send out emails about different opportunities on campus.”

Having this space allows all of the service members to connect, Chase said. She has seen more non-traditional students using this space, which gives them something to talk about.

Chase said that change could start with allowing more student organiza-



tions to come together.

“If you walk in The Union you have SA, BSA, the VRC, the Hobo Day Committee and Collegian,” Chase said. “I feel that we all need to be in our own building. I know the funding isn’t there, but that is how you get people together and to work together.”

As far as diversity goes, Chase thinks that SDSU does a fair job, but can always improve. She said the vast diversity on campus allows for more learning experiences for all students.

“Diversity makes SDSU what SDSU is,” she said. “We have a variety of different majors, race and backgrounds. It helps bring different situations to the table.”

**Tevin King**  
**Major:** Entrepreneurial Studies  
**Hometown:** Chicago, Illinois

**NICK GOEMAN**  
Reporter

The first time freshman Tevin King heard of South Dakota State University was after a preparatory school coach had informed him that SDSU was interested in recruiting him.

After some research he decided to go to Brookings and play basketball for the Jackrabbits and coach Nagy. However, Brookings is not the type of city that King grew up in or learned to play the game in.

“At times it was kind of tough because of the violence and the adversity factors,” King said. “You gain more of a mature feel and more experience at a young age in Chicago, which I thought was good for me.”

King played basketball for Providence St. Mel High School located in East Garfield Park, where there were 500 murders in 2012 alone, according to the FBI.

“People were grimy and they got into you, which made you tougher on and off the court,” King said. “At a young age you couldn’t even step on the court if you weren’t ready to catch an elbow at the



park.”

After four years of basketball at Providence St. Mel, King went to play a year of basketball at St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy, an all-male college preparatory and leadership development school located in Delafield, Wisconsin.

“It was a great and humbling experience for me,” King said. “We did similar things as the military core and there were a lot of sweat and tears that went into it.”

After a year at St. John’s, King decided on SDSU and was a solid backup guard for seniors George Marshall, Deondre Parks and Jake Bittle. Next season, King is likely to start at point guard for the Jackrabbits.

**Alejandro Sanchez**  
**Major:** Nutrition & Dietetics  
**Hometown:** Plano, Texas

**AUSTIN HAMM**  
Sports Editor

Alejandro Sanchez, a junior nutrition and dietetics major, is one of the fastest 800-meter runners in school history at South Dakota State. Originally from Plano, Texas, Sanchez transferred to SDSU from Southwest Minnesota State in the fall of 2015.

Sanchez, who transferred to become part of SDSU’s Track and Field team, knew that SDSU would have a primarily white student body, similar to what he experienced at SMSU, but he sees a correlation between local population and the diversity on campus.

“Considering the small number of Hispanics in South Dakota, it’s no surprise there isn’t much diversity here,” Sanchez said. “They do try putting on events here and there and have diversity clubs, but it’s still very slim considering I come from a huge Hispanic area in Texas.”

Though Sanchez believes SDSU does seem to do a decent job of promoting



different clubs and activities for more cultural diversity, particularly in light of the small Hispanic population in the area, he sees room for growth in both the particulars of how the school is run and in events held.

“I would offer more diversity scholarships and recruit Hispanic professors to teach here and help/participate with bringing out weekly Hispanic events that are open to the public,” Sanchez said. “Athletics are also huge here, so I would find a way to put some Hispanic culture in these games, maybe during half time. A Hispanic radio station or two would be nice to see as well.”

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Amanda John

Major: Political Science & Sociology

Hometown: Abuja, Nigeria

SHANELL PETERSON  
Reporter

Amanda John has always been very passionate about diversity issues.

John came to South Dakota last year to further her education. From her perspective, South Dakota State University is making good strides to promote diversity but there are areas that need improvement.

“The diversity programs are very helpful,” John said. “They need to make more efforts getting people to attend them.”

However, John realizes that people can “lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it drink.” In other words, people who don’t want to open themselves up to diversity conversations, won’t—and no one can force them to.

“I would definitely ask that people be more open-minded,” John said. “If you’re going to believe something, you should believe it despite what anyone else says. If you can’t open yourself to a little bit of [discussion] here and there, you aren’t really building and growing in that belief, are you?”

One stride that John wishes SDSU would take is to require the Students’ Association to attend more minority events.

“You want the people who represent you to fully understand you,” John said. “The Senate should be way more in-



volved than they are now.”

“A lot of white people don’t fully understand the basic problems of minorities,” John said. An example is getting her hair done in this area. Very few people know how to style African American hair, John said. The salons that can are very expensive.

“Personally, sometimes it feels that I am at a constant disadvantage,” John said.

Even so, John likes Brookings. Inclusivity is something that can be improved everywhere, including Texas, the state she calls home when in America.

“I think ignorance is something you find everywhere,” John said. “We’re all ignorant about something...It’s always a learning experience. Isn’t that partly what we’re here in college for—to immerse in different cultures?”

Tristen FlyingHorse

Major: Entrepreneurial Studies

Hometown: McLaughlin, South Dakota

KATHERINE CLAYTON  
Reporter

Tristen FlyingHorse came to South Dakota State University from a small high school where he knew everyone and almost everyone was the same race.

He was struck by how different the university environment was compared to what he was used to at his high school.

“I try to push myself to go to these other events and try to diversify myself essentially and meet other people from other backgrounds, other places,” said FlyingHorse, from McLaughlin, South Dakota on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

He is involved in organizations related to his American Indian culture, including American Indian Student Association (AISA) and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). He is the vice president of AISA and an ex officio on the Students’ Association for AISES.

It wasn’t always this way for him, FlyingHorse said. When he first came to college, he said that he barely spoke to people. He would say “hi,” but not have a conversation. But his time at the Amer-



ican Indian Education Cultural Center has changed that for him.

“It makes me feel more welcomed that they’re really trying to bring us out of our shells because a lot of people are really shy and timid when they come here,” he said.

The AIECC pushed him to meet new people and be more involved. FlyingHorse said his experience is different because he has light skin and doesn’t “look” Native American, but his name shows his culture.

“I know some people can be racist but I don’t have to deal with that because I am light skinned, essentially,” he said. “I didn’t think some things like that were happening until I heard people’s personal stories ... going to [the diversity summit] helped me to see that it is still there.”

Andy Rausch

Major: Animal Science

Hometown: Hoven, South Dakota

KELLI GARRY  
Reporter

Coming from the small town of Hoven, South Dakota and graduating from a class of eight students, Andy Rausch’s experience on SDSU’s campus has been different than most.

“Brookings is obviously a lot more diverse,” Rausch said. “In Hoven, every business is either agriculture or it relies directly on agriculture.”

In Rausch’s opinion, diversity is extremely important to not only SDSU, but the human race as a whole.

“If we were all alike, how boring would the world be?” he said. “In the Midwest, it’s easy to get stuck in our ways and close ourselves off from worlds of opportunities.”

When it comes to the campus culture, Rausch feels included in his college. He says that for the most part, the students in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences are students who



come from small towns and have similar interests.

“To feel included, I kind of think we just need to include ourselves,” Rausch said. “It’s college, not preschool.”

When speaking about diversity issues on campus, Rausch relies on his religion to handle issues.

“A person is a person. We’re all equal,” Rausch said. “Just because we don’t see eye to eye on all of the issues doesn’t mean I love them any less.”

Nathan Ziegler

Director of ESL at SDSU

JALEN WILSONReporter

Nathan Ziegler is the director of the English Second Language (ESL) Program at South Dakota State University, which allows him to work with students who come from multiple types of backgrounds.

“Having people from diverse backgrounds really benefits our school,” Ziegler said. “It is also important for our community because it helps us grow.”

As the campus works on improving diversity through awareness and clubs, Ziegler said he feels there is another part that is helping improve this aspect.

“A lot of people on campus are really pushing towards embracing diversity,” Ziegler said. “These different offices that are being put together are aiming for that inclusivity.”

Ziegler said that a way for SDSU to improve its outlook on diversity is by having better collaboration from the students. Even though there are clubs and offices, students aren’t taking enough advantage of these different opportunities to express their opinion or even listening



to someone else’s opinion.

SDSU is working on hiring a chief diversity officer, which Ziegler said could bolster the engagement with students and voicing their opinions. The chief diversity officer will bring the value of bringing in students from different backgrounds and broadening the diversity at our school.

“There is always room for improvement,” Ziegler said. “We never want to plateau, but I feel that we are moving in the right direction.”

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# Anonymity of social media increases discrimination

## Keyboards, either a weapon or tool

**KELLI GARRY**  
Reporter

Social media has given people an alternative way to attack others using hateful words without even leaving their homes.

Recently, a study conducted at Humboldt State University in California suggested that Brookings residents are using these words in hateful social media posts.

“A word is just a word until you know someone who’s black, someone who’s gay, someone who’s transgender,” said Chris Hartzler, a fifth year senior hospitality management major from Brewster, Minnesota. “Then your brain constructs an image of these people and you realize they’re people, too.”

Hartzler is part of the Gay Straight Alliance, which has been the target of negative social media. Students who identify as being members of the LGBT+ community have also been subjected to the negative effects of social media.

Doug Wermedal, interim vice president for student affairs, has seen discrimination change vastly in his time at South Dakota State University.

“The Internet really provides a bigger opportunity to spread derogatory comments on social media and increase the reach of the comments,” Wermedal said. “In the old days, you would have to hand out pamphlets or stand on a soapbox to spread your comments.”

Hartzler said criticism on Facebook isn’t common because it’s not anonymous. However, “people on anonymous sites can say anything without having to stand behind their comments.”

Hartzler said negative comments posted on the anonymous mobile app, Yik

Yak, are almost immediately downvoted so that it doesn’t stay up as long.

“It’s really hard to do anything about the posts when you have no demographics about the person saying stuff other than the fact that they’re jerks,” Hartzler said.

Senior Semehar Ghebrekidan agreed.

“It’s frustrating to me when ignorance is passed through a keyboard, and you have no idea who’s on the other end,” she said. “Anonymous social media basically leads to sexism, homophobia or racism, and you can’t check them if they say something crazy.”

Ghebrekidan said she has been the victim of several death threats through social media as well as the target of discrimination through anonymous social media.

“Most of the time the discrimination has been passive and it’s just outright wrong,” Ghebrekidan said.

Wermedal said Student Affairs deals with about half a dozen discrimination cases a year dealing with social media that are part of formal complaints.

“If it impacts any student, in my mind, it’s a big deal because it can change their experience at SDSU,” Wermedal said.

Consequences for these infractions range from letters of no contact to the victim, moving residence halls, changing courses or even expulsion in some cases, Wermedal said.

“The punishment depends on the severity of behaviors,” Wermedal said. “Our goal is for the punishment to be educational and to change that person’s behaviors.”

Wermedal added investigating anonymous reports is difficult, but to do so, they will enlist the help of the Information Technology De-

partment and law enforcement officers.

“If the opportunity to spread negative comments has grown, the reverse is also true,” Wermedal said. “We can spread anti-derogatory comments just as fast. Our ability to educate and move quickly is enhanced.”

Hartzler and Ghebrekidan both have experience in sharing their backgrounds and opinions on social media.

“If I see something negative on social media and I feel the person is open to it, I’ll try to comment on things and see if they seem open to the educational opportunity,” Ghebrekidan said.

Hartzler has been able to find a more supportive community on social media sites he uses.

“Social media can allow people to be horribly mean, but it can allow people to be themselves,” Hartzler said. “I’ve found lots of strong, positive role models who can help with safety, friendships and information.”

Hartzler hopes to be a part of a solution to make SDSU a more open environment. Throughout this summer, he will be working to get SDSU on the Campus Pride Index, which is an online system of colleges that are LGBT+ friendly.

The process will include finding information on gender inclusivity clauses, finding out if a student can change their name and gender without facing discrimination and if SDSU provides paperwork that is inclusive, among other things.

“I stayed at SDSU despite some of the negative things that have happened,” Hartzler said, “but I want to be a part of the change to make this campus better.”

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“The demographics of our region are not positive for growth, but we need to grow,” Dunn said. “We need to be strong financially and serve as many people as we possibly can.”

Dunn said he and other SDSU leaders will address critical issues facing campus including sustainable economics, growth and prosperity, agricultural productivity and food production, population health, stewardship of our natural resources and our healthy communities.

He also included the importance of arts and humanities, which hold “critical roles in shaping all of our lives.”

“I’m committed to taking decisive action and driving for powerful results,” Dunn said. “Being president of South Dakota State, it is indeed a once in a lifetime and very singular opportunity that I absolutely appreciate and understand. For me, it is also deeply personal.”

Many students were present at the announcement, including Students’ Association President Ally Helms and Vice President Lane

Speirs. Both are ready and excited for Dunn’s appointment.

“He’s made a lot of great connections with students so far and he’s truly proven how well he works with students on our campus,” Helms said. “I know that he will be able to do a great job working with us in the future and I’m excited to see what he can do for us.”

Speirs has known Dunn from previous experiences in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences. Speirs said he has personally seen his commitment to making a “better SDSU.”

“I think he truly is the candidate that cares about this campus deeply and I think that’ll show all throughout his term,” Speirs said.

Dunn would like students to know how much he cares about their time at SDSU. He reflected on his own experiences on campus.

“I will probably be a grandfatherly figure to [students] and I want the very best for them, so sincerely,” Dunn said. “This place has changed my life and it was the greatest decision I ever made and it is for them too. We need to build their success. We need to do the very best job in the classroom and student life and all campus life for them to succeed.”



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# New Policy:

## Free tuition for graduate assistants or money out of their pockets?

ELISE HUGHES BERHEIM  
Reporter

Graduate students released a statement regarding their frustrations with a new tuition remission policy that was passed last semester. The statement has received more than 120 signatures.

After encouragement from South Dakota State University, the South Dakota Board of Regents passed a tuition remission policy in December 2015 to waive a tuition fee for graduate assistants. The only fee graduate students will have to pay is the General Activity Fee (GAF).

Students stated that they understand the policy will benefit future students, but current graduate students were not consulted prior to the decision and communication about the policy was poorly conducted.

In the statement, students questioned the university on “grants that have no flexibility to increase tuition remission,” and consequently, [students] will soon find their paychecks reduced.

Currently, graduate assistants at South Dakota State pay one-third of the resident graduate tuition rate for courses plus university support fees, GAF and discipline fees.

A graduate assistant is a graduate student serving a supporting role as a teaching assistant, research assistant or administrative assistant, while completing either their master’s or doctorate at SDSU.

Katherine Moratz is in her third year with the Department of Natural Resource Management as a graduate research assistant. She said this policy for current students is unfair.

“It’s a good idea. I don’t disagree with that,” Moratz said. “There just should be some kind of exception to current students.”

Kinchel Doerner, dean of the graduate school, said on average, students take 15 credit hours for the entire year: six in the fall, six in the spring and three in the summer.

In the implementation of this policy, Doerner said every student will be charged for 15 credits per year. This equates to \$3,290.25 per year excluding fees, according to 2015-2016 resident tuition per credit hour. The money for the tuition will come out of current student stipends, which, according to Doerner, should result in a net zero loss for students since they would be paying for these credits regardless.

For current students, this can be a problem. They will be charged for 15 credits, no matter the amount of credits remaining. If graduate assistants’ funding sources are able to cover the amount of tuition a student’s stipends are reduced by, those students would have their tuition waived. However, not all students have this option with their funding sources.

According to SDBOR meeting minutes,

future students’ 15-credit stipend should remain competitive as funding will be accounted for in grants.

If a student takes more than two years for a masters or four years for a doctorate, they will be charged for credits they are not taking at a rate of 15 credits per year.

Byron Charles Will-Noel, an international student from Africa in the Department of Geography, is frustrated with this policy.

“I haven’t seen a master’s student come out in two years, it takes everybody longer,” Will-Noel said.

This concern is also noted in the graduate students’ statement, “Graduate research assistants are often required to dedicate three or more years for a Master’s and five to six for a Doctorate.”

President David Chicoine said the benefits of this tuition remission would be “clarity, alignment with the marketplace, and [it] would solve cash flow issues for students.”

Implementing the policy will differ depending on each of the departments, according to Joseph Cassady, the head of the Department of Animal Science.

“Each department is expected to manage their budgets in a manner that is most appropriate to them,” Cassady said.

When passing the policy, Chicoine said one hurdle was students might take more than 15 credits, and the university wouldn’t be paid for it.

“It’s not about the money,” Chicoine said, “it’s about the students getting their assistantship fulfilled and getting their master’s degree and getting on with their life.”

Many students are frustrated with the communication of the tuition remission policy. Doerner said he had not communicated with graduate students as a whole prior to the implementation of this policy, but that it was left to go through the departments.

This has left many graduate students frustrated, including Lily Sweikert, a second year doctorate student with the Department of Natural Resource Management.

“They didn’t do any kind of public involvement to anticipate the response of graduate students,” Sweikert said. “That way they could have had a much better way of rolling out the policy in general rather than piecing it together and causing overall frustration that feels like subterfuge.”

No one informed Will-Noel about the policy either.

“I had to go and ask for information, they hadn’t offered any,” Will-Noel said.

Moratz has only two credits left to complete her master’s degree. She’s unsure of what her next step will be.

“I’m really debating if I need to get another job,” Moratz said. “I would really like to know what’s going on so I can make that decision.”

## SDSU Graduate Student Response Statement to the Tuition Remission and Stipend Reduction Policy

We acknowledge that this policy intends to provide an affordable graduate education to future students at SDSU. However, current graduate students were not consulted prior to the proposal of this policy to the Board of Regents, or during the evaluation of the policy by the Task Force. Once enacted, communications about the policy from the University to the Departments and students were poorly conducted and resulted in widespread confusion and frustration. Specifically, the communications resulted in intra- and interdepartmental inconsistencies regarding future stipend amounts, the date the policy would be effective, and the maximum number of allowable credits.

As a result, many graduate students are now wondering whether or not their situation was considered and are uncertain of how this policy will affect them. Students who receive financial aid and depend on tax credits for tuition may be affected, as will established students whose grants have no flexibility to increase tuition remission, and consequently, will soon find their paychecks reduced. Graduate research assistants are often required to dedicate three or more years for a Master’s and five to six for a Doctorate. The 15-credit average, upon which the tuition remission is based, does not consider this multi-year commitment. Also, effects on current graduate assistants with less than 15 credits remaining in their degree were not considered.

In the future, we ask the University to judiciously consider the subsequent effects these large-scale policy changes have on graduate students, prior to their approval.

Submitted Statement

### >> INCLUSION

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There are varying definitions of diversity and inclusion, but Kas Williams, the adviser for African American programs believes inclusion is when everyone feels welcome.

“It should be almost tangible when you walk on a campus, institution, or wherever you should automatically feel included,” Williams said. “When you know you’re welcome without even having to ask.”

Williams thinks the diversity at SDSU is improving. To be diverse, according to Williams, you have to “recruit, hire and bring these folks [students, faculty and staff] in.” Inclusion is a little bit more difficult.

“It’s just these subtle things that we can do on this campus to make people who are different than us feel included,” Williams said.

Office locations can be a signal of how inclusive a campus is, Williams said.

She thinks the Multicultural Center should not be in the basement of The Union. The American Indian Cultural and Education Center is on the far perimeter of campus. The Gay Straight Alliance only recently got an office, but other student groups are located on the Main Street of The Union.

“Those kinds of things should

not be happening,” Williams said.

C.D. Douglas, executive director for Multicultural Center, has been on campus for 18 years and he has seen improvements.

“But we have a long ways to go,” Douglas said.

Douglas said he has never witnessed or experienced racism issues himself on campus, but the students he serves have.

“Racism is taught. It is a learned behavior,” Douglas said.

He encourages students to embrace diversity and inclusion because once they graduate they will interact with a variety of people and races.

“The world is going to look a lot different,” Douglas said alluding to the changing U.S. demographics.

By 2060, according to the Census Bureau, the projection suggests there will be 68.5 percent white, 43.6 non-Hispanic white, 14.3 African American, 1.3 American Indian and 9.3 Asian.

In the Multicultural Center, students of varying races, gender and backgrounds gather. Two of these students are Alix Alfke, a junior nursing major, and Judy Vega, a junior Spanish major.

For them, inclusion means being a part of a community and having all types of races. They feel included and welcomed in the Multicultural Center.

“People should just be aware and have knowledge of everything, not just their own,” Vega said.

Alfke and Vega are executive members of the Latin American Student Association, which only has 10 members. They struggle trying to get new members for their organization.

Vega wants students to attend LASA meetings, but the majority of students who come to the meetings attend because of a class requirement for a cultural event.

“I find it difficult to bring people together for their own personal interest,” she said.

Alfke said students will take pictures of their posters instead of attending their meetings or asking them questions about LASA so the student can get credit for a class.

“It’s basically being used whenever needed,” Vega said.

Vega and Alfke agree there is not much in Brookings for the Latino community. There is one Mexican store, Tapatio, and one Mexican restaurant, Guadalajara.

“The only thing we would have is the Multicultural Center,” Alfke said.

Across campus, organizations have implemented programs to target diversity and inclusion. Some include the COMMUNITY Dialogues, the Difference is Dialogue, a diversity radio show and discussions in different classes.

“We’ll see doors open up for more talks and actually more peace,” Ingram said.

Ingram and Williams share the same concern about a new administration.

“I think they have to make it their mission, and I think that would be another thing,” Ingram said. “If they have a background in diversity and inclusion, then they’re better equipped to help the student body here, but if not I don’t see it growing, to be honest.”

From a staff perspective, Williams said she is nervous of what the next administration will or won’t do for diversity and inclusion.

“Now that the leadership is leaving, what is the new leadership going to focus on?” Williams said. “It needs to be something that we ask for. We need to help them create their agenda because they’re going to come with their own agenda but we need to let them know what we as an institution, what we as Jackrabbits, expect when it comes to issues of diversity.”

Diversity and inclusion may seem foreign to students who come from small towns across the Midwest. Caleb Finck, the former Students’ Association president, grew up in Trent, South Dakota, with a population of 233.

“You had to go outside your comfort zone,” Finck said regarding diversity. “That cultural change is hard to grasp.”

Other students who are minorities that come from larger towns have a different past and experiences on campus than students from small towns.

Semehar Ghebrekidan, a se-

nior global studies major, is vocal about issues the African American population faces.

She is not afraid to talk about issues of diversity and inclusion.

“This is how I feel,” Ghebrekidan said. “I’m Semehar—this is what you’re going to get.”

Throughout her time at SDSU, she said, she has faced death threats because of her efforts to improve the experience of minorities on campus, but issues of diversity and inclusions are not clean-cut issues.

“Not every white person is racist and not every [minority] person is active,” Ghebrekidan said.

Douglas and Williams both mentioned the importance of everyone having their voice heard.

“It would be nice to get everyone to come to the table,” Douglas said.

Williams, on the other hand, noted what happens when someone isn’t heard.

“If you’re not at the table then you’re on the menu,” Williams said.

Williams looks to the future of diversity and inclusion and asks what the university can do to be ready for changing demographics.

“What is the next thing that we need to do to be ahead of this curve regarding diversity?” Williams said. “We shouldn’t have to be reactionary toward these things. We should be the leaders in these things.”

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>> EDUCATION CENTER

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“We will be using the facility campus wide and experiment new methods of growing, such as the high tunnel that will help the students learn how to grow in extended growing season and be able to help students by bring them into this high tunnel situation,” Owens said. “Different types of horticulture courses will be able to use the facility, and I foresee in the future almost every type of course in the university could use the site for something or another.”

In the summer months, students will be able to apply for and maintain the local foods education center as a job, as well as enroll in these classes for summer credits.

The building of this facility is currently in phase two of a three-phase implementation, which Wright said has so far cost around \$350,000. Phase three is still a couple of years down the road and will feature a full

preparation kitchen to show the full process of food from dirt to tablecloth.

“The local foods course has kind of evolved to where it is today and that is a formal part of the plant science and horticulture curriculum. It’s a multimillion-dollar industry around the United States, and when you think of a food desert, which is when someone is more than 10 miles away from fresh food, South Dakota is documented to have several food deserts in it,” Wright said. “We’re meeting growing demand from people who want to know where their food is coming from and want to know that it is fresh.”

While there are still some uncertain future problems that will occur with this facility, the department is confident it will be a successful addition to campus.

“We have a tremendous faculty here at SDSU, and I think that you will see some great things happen here in the near future,” Owens said.



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The education center will allow students and community members to learn hand-on skills and local farming techniques. The center in its second phase of its three-phase construction plan.

>> MUSTACHE

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“I think it’s really important for us as students to recognize and to really thank him in really a way that only students can—in a Chicoine’s Mustache Day and a fun tongue-and-cheek way of “Thank you President Chicoine,” Dahle said.

Although Chicoine felt honored by the recognition, he feels like he’s just been doing his job.

“That’s all I’ve been doing,” Chicoine said.

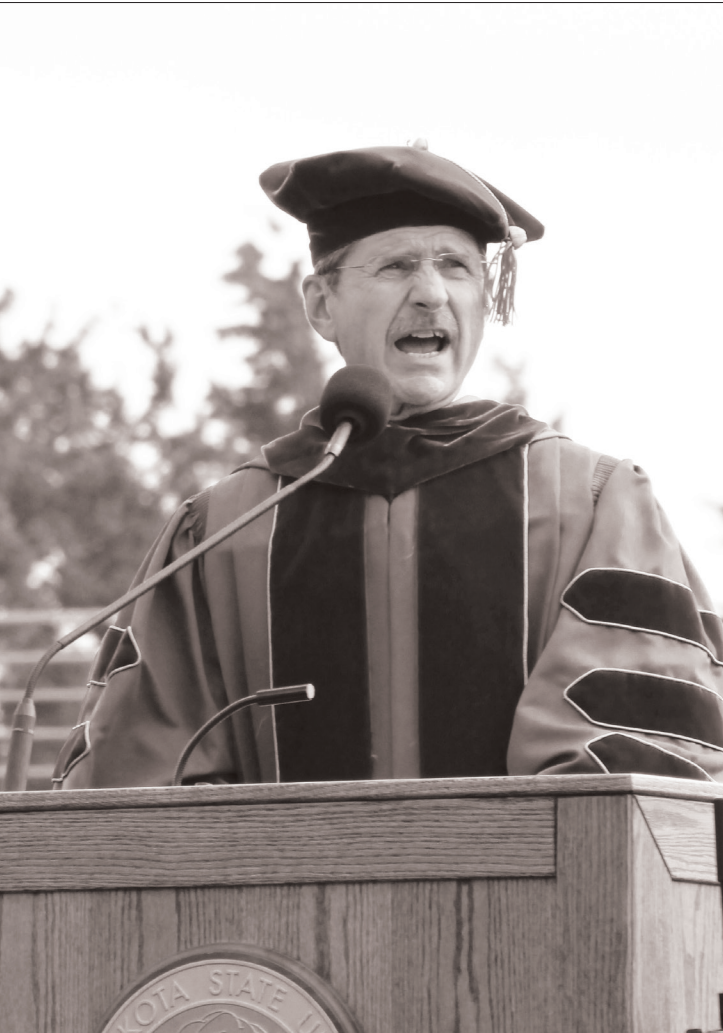
Dahle said it is also important to recognize Provost Nichols for her work with accredited programs and classroom designs.

Provost Nichols said she was humbled and honored by the celebration.

“I’ve always thoroughly enjoyed working with students here, and being recognized by students is the ultimate recognition,” Nichols said.

Lorang thought the celebration would be an “appropriate” way for students to thank Chicoine and Nichols for their service.

“I’m a big believer in little acts of gratitude,” Lorang said. “And I see this as a really easy kind of way for us to recognize them and show our appreciation in a way that feels like it’s coming from students.”



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President David Chicoine will finish up more than nine years of service to South Dakota State University as he passes the torch to incoming president Barry Dunn. His service to the university has inspired some students to create an event in his name and honor: Chicoine’s Mustache Day.

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Member of Le Vent Du Nord, Nicholas Boulерice, teaches the Brookings community about the history of his instruments, music and homeland.

## Le Vent Du Nord shares musical heritage with Brookings residents

ALLISON CHRISTENSON  
Lifestyles Reporter

Harmonized voices echoed through the building while strings were plucked, keys were pressed and ears were filled with the tradition of another country.

Le Vent Du Nord, meaning The North Wind, is a band specializing in folk music from Quebec, Canada. Band members Nicolas Boulерice, Olivier Demers, Simon Beaudry and Réjean Brunet held an open workshop Tuesday, April 19 to give a sneak peak into what their concert would be like that Friday.

Heather Kuhlman, director of the Brookings Arts Council, said the group was brought to Brookings as a part of the Arts Midwest World Fest, a two-year tour involving international acts in only nine cities in the Midwest. She said the council was honored to be chosen for this tour.

People of all ages, including students,

faculty, elders and children, attended the workshop to listen to the band, even toddlers were dancing along to the music.

Jodi Lundgren, the exhibitions coordinator for the museum, said the atmosphere the band created was amazing.

“I love this music,” Lundgren said. “They give a whole other life to this place.”

The band not only entertained the audience, but they also informed them about the instruments they were using.

In between songs they would explain their instruments, such as a hurdy-gurdy—an instrument Boulерice said is like a “string bagpipe.” Brunet also explained the accordion, how he played it, the many different sounds it can make and the sound combinations he can play.

Because their music is uncommon in this area, they explained the history of traditional Quebec folk music.

Demers said after the Irish immigrat-

ed to Canada, it was tradition for the fiddler to be on top of a table, usually in the kitchen, while people danced around him. This was sometimes called “kitchen music.”

The Irish immigration to Canada had a large impact on Quebec folk music. The band said how, even though they sing in French, many of the instruments they play are of Irish background.

Though the band plays traditional music for the most part, they said they believed it “should be a movement.” They want to give people the sense of who they are as a French-speaking country through continuing this music.

They made slight changes to the music to make it a little bit “more modern.” Their main goal, however, is to keep the spirit of Quebec folk music going.

“It’s very important to us to preserve this [music],” Demers said, “and keep it alive.”

## Legacy lives on through Hobo Day 2016

HAILEY KLINE  
Lifestyles Editor

October 22, 2016 has been named Hobo Day, the biggest one day event in the Dakotas. Hobo Week will run the week of October 16 through 22.

The Hobo Day Committee announced that this year’s tag will be “Living the Legacy.”

Ben Carper, junior human development and family studies major and Hobo Day Committee member, said the tag is meant to describe the impact of Hobo Day for the university.

“We want to blend the old traditions with the new activities here on campus,” Carper said.

Brianna Doran, Sophomore Apparel Merchandising major and Hobo Day Committee member, said there are many traditions from the past that haven’t been used in Hobo Week recently.

“We want to make sure the traditions are not lost,” she said.

Scott Simons, sophomore business economics major, said the committee will be working to “corporate the tag into each event.”

Hobo Week will include the Hobo Day Parade Saturday, October 22 at 9:30 a.m. as well as a field show in the Sanford-Jack-rabbit Athletic Complex at 11 a.m. following the parade. According to members of the Hobo Day Committee, other activities are to be announced and released within the first week of the fall 2016 semester.

## Five things freshman year has taught me

HAILEY KLINE  
Lifestyles Editor

Freshman year is a lot of things. It’s community bathrooms, cafeteria food, uncomfortable mattresses and the first taste of college—a new adventure, to put it simply.

But, if there’s anything freshman year isn’t, it’s comfortable. Moving away from home, not seeing friends and family nearly as often as before and studying all night for a test are not things incoming freshman are used to.

If it is nothing else, freshman year is a year of learning. Finding new friends, creating a healthy sleeping schedule (or not) and trying not to lose their way going to class are only a few challenges new students face.

However, most of the new information is learned outside the classroom. This information applies to their lives in the long run.

I’ve created a list of five things that freshman year has taught me in hopes to reach out to all students, whether it be other freshmen, new students or upperclassmen to show the significance of freshman year and how it can actually shape the entire college experience.

**Find people who make you laugh.**

It’s very easy to feel lonely, especially being thrown into new situations. College is no exception, even if there are hundreds of people in your same position.

Everyone handles stress differently, but, in order to survive the first year of college, you must find your own group of friends. This is a lot easier said than done, but I find that I like hanging out with people who make me laugh, not people who try to get a laugh out of everyone.

There are a lot of cruel and attention-hungry people in the world. Make sure to separate people into two categories: those who love the attention and those who give attention to love.

**Know your limitations**

A lot of freshman students struggle with this. Everything from passing classes to finding new friends to making sure you’re at the gym once in awhile can play a major part in how you handle stress.

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### DIY Project: Picture Frame Craft

#### What you’ll need:

- Paper (or in my case, a cheap tablecloth)
- Scissors
- Picture frame
- Sharpies
- Tape

#### Instructions:

1. Cut up the paper into triangles of different sizes.
2. On the cardboard part of the frame that will show through the glass, start taping the triangles on to it. Try to keep them evenly spaced apart.
3. Take the sharpies and start coloring!
4. Put the frame back together and hang it up.

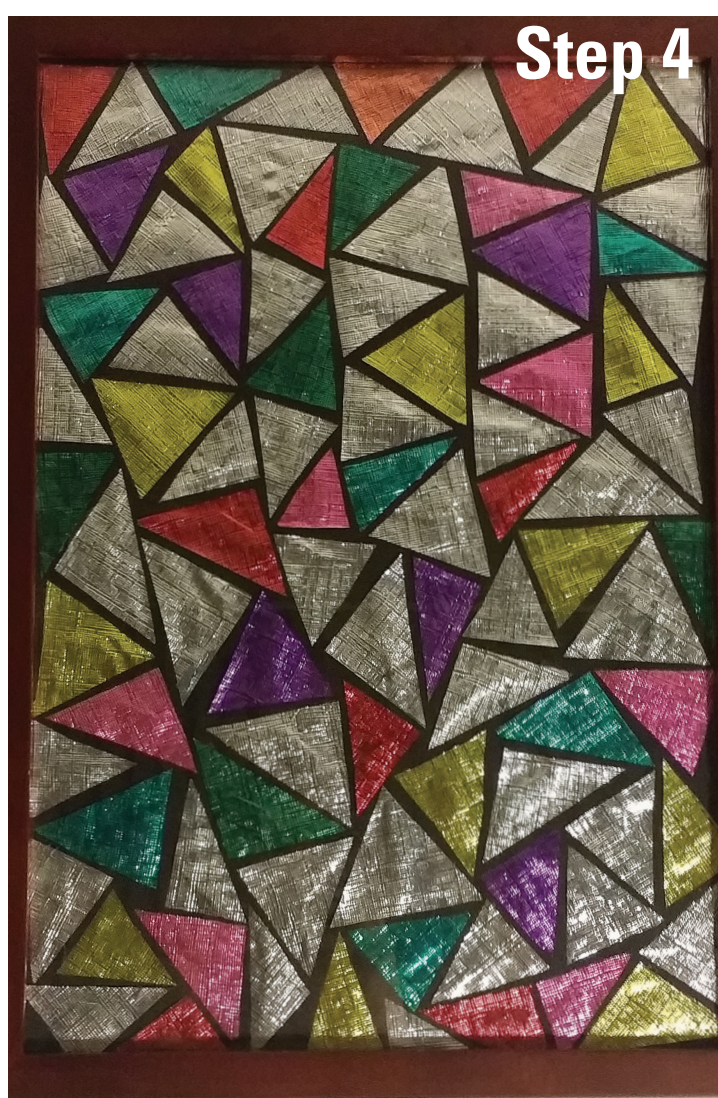
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# Treat Yo' Self

## Healthy Banana Cream Pie Smoothie

### Ingredients:

- 2 bananas, sliced and frozen
- 1/3 cup low-fat vanilla Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup unsweetened vanilla almond milk
- 4 vanilla wafer cookies
- 1 1/2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 heaping cup of ice (more or less to fit desired consistency)

### Instructions:

1. Place all ingredients in the body of a blender. Pulse until smooth and creamy. Serve at once.

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### >> FRESHMAN YEAR

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Taking breaks is necessary. It's important to understand how much stress from one aspect of life can affect the way you handle everything. Go on a walk, listen to music, take a nap—anything that will take your mind off responsibilities will help. Homework will be there when you get back.

This isn't an excuse to fall behind, though. Staying on top of assignments and studying regularly for classes is equally as important. Take a deep breath and remind yourself that you can only do what you're capable of.

#### Eating habits

This lesson has a much deeper meaning than it implies. You will not be studying for tests your entire life. You won't have to use shower shoes forever. You won't even have to see certain people ever again if you choose—and you don't have to dread the entire experience.

It's not ideal to eat the same foods repetitively. It's not exciting to watch Netflix every day after class. It's not fun living in tiny dorm rooms for nine months.

However, it is fun to meet friends you will hold close to you

forever. It is awesome to experience life outside your hometown. It's even fantastic to see how far you've come from the first day you stepped foot on campus. Take advantage of the opportunities in front of you. Eventually, they will not be there to complain about.

#### Be prepared for class

I cannot stress this one enough. It's not enough to show up to class and expect to get anything out of it.

It's essential to come prepared. Without a pen, paper or a clear head, it is impossible to benefit from the class. Most classes require attention for the entire time. Even if it's unrealistic for every student to be fully engaged, it will help you in the long run to learn the importance of preparation for things you're not particularly excited about.

Getting to class is just as important as doing the work. Most professors take attendance points that can affect the entire class grade if a person is not present. There are days when going to class is harder than others, I understand that, but it will help you more to go to class and try to understand the concepts rather than sitting in your bed watching Netflix.

Finally, pay attention in class. Going to class is useless

if you're sitting on your phone, creeping through social media the entire time. You're paying to go to college. Too often students throw away their money for classes they do not attend or pay attention in. Class will help your future immensely, even if you don't believe it. You learn new things everyday, but it's not as appealing to us if learning is in a controlled environment.

#### Enjoy your time left













Since the school year is almost complete, it is easy to wish the rest of the time away. Sitting in a classroom when it's not snowing out can be hard to do, and class never seems ideal when the sun is shining.

However, this is arguably the most important part of your college experience. The final moments before summer are often what most people remember about college, especially freshman year, simply because it is the most recent and fresh in their memory.

Make sure to include time for yourself in these final days of the semester. School is not all about studying. Your mental stability is more important than any test grade.

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## Jack's Weekly Horoscopes

 <b>Leo</b>	You may experience an attraction to a special jackrabbit friend today. But remember, slow and steady wins the race. Take your time and do not make any gestures too soon.	 <b>Virgo</b>	Things may be heating up with a certain jackrabbit this week. However, beware: with fire comes smoke. Make sure their intentions are genuine so your little jackrabbit heart stays whole.
 <b>Pisces</b>	Your energetic jackrabbit spirit makes you want to hop on every opportunity you can today, but you may not see how busy you already are. Do not take on more than you can handle.	 <b>Libra</b>	You will be busy with finals week coming up, and it may have you running around in search of a quiet place to hide. You probably won't find much peace wherever you go. Stick to your den and curl up with your notes.
 <b>Aries</b>	There may be trouble near the rabbit hole today. Be prepared to play detective and make sure to get plenty of sleep so you are ready to pounce at a moment's notice.	 <b>Scorpio</b>	Don't listen to the haters. Jackrabbits exude a confidence like no other. Embrace your inner Beyoncé by strutting your stuff down your own rabbit trail. Own it, you beautiful jackrabbits.
 <b>Taurus</b>	Take a step back before you have any important conversations with your jackrabbit lover, and make sure you're not coming across as rabid. Relax and trust that everything will work out.	 <b>Sagittarius</b>	Your emotions will be very overpowering today, possibly due to finals hopping down the bunny trail. Let them run their course. Watch some Netflix, take a nap and relax. You can do this.
 <b>Gemini</b>	Do something today that allows you to experience the adrenaline rush you crave without straying too far from your prior commitments. Remember, the early jack gets the coyote.	 <b>Capricorn</b>	It's possible a certain jackrabbit will suddenly hop into your life this week. Don't be shy--introduce yourself. Jackrabbits are friendly creature. Be a brave bunny today.
 <b>Cancer</b>	If you think it's time to explore any chemistry you share with another jackrabbit, think again. Some jackrabbits just belong in the friendzone. Don't force it; if it's meant to be, it will be.	 <b>Aquarius</b>	It's not in your best interest to hop off in pursuit of play today. You should be able to balance work and play if you don't go overboard on either end. Finals first, summer second.


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## Football Spring practice comes to a close as offense wins spring game

AUSTIN HAMM  
Sports Editor

The South Dakota State football team wound up their spring practices with the annual Jackrabbit spring football game April 23 at the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex.

SDSU Head Coach John Stiegelmeier was impressed with his team's work in the 14 spring practices they had leading into the game.

"We've had a great three weeks," Stiegelmeier said when talking to First and Goal, a video series produced by the SDSU athletic department to give updates on Spring football. "Great effort and intensity, considering we started at 6:40 a.m. every day."

Freshman quarterback Kanin Nelson threw for two touchdowns and ran for another to spark the offense to a 62-47 win over the defense in the spring game. Nelson saw extra action with senior Zach Lujan sitting out as he recovers from injuries.

A Mitchell, South Dakota native, Nelson completed a 6-yard touchdown pass to Alex Wilde in the first quarter and ran for a 23-yard score in the second quarter. On the first play from scrimmage in the second half, Nelson hooked up with Marquise

Lewis on a 45-yard touchdown.

Using a scoring system that rewarded big plays on both sides of the ball, the Jackrabbit offense took an early lead during the second series of the game. Sophomore runningback Isaac Wallace broke through the line for a 50-yard touchdown for a 7-0 lead.

The first-team offense got into the scoring column late in the second quarter as Taryn Christion found Dallas Goedert in the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown.

Christion and Goedert were two players whose improvement throughout the spring caught Stiegelmeier's attention, although he admitted spring performances tend to fluctuate.

"It is so hard in football to say one guy excelled," Stiegelmeier said. "You'll have a guy shine one day, and the next you'll hardly notice him."

Mikey Daniel capped the touchdown scoring for the offense with a 2-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter.

The Jackrabbit defense was able to force only one turnover as defensive end Jared Blum sacked Christion and stripped the football loose midway through the third quarter. Christian Banasiak recorded a pair of sacks, with Eric Kleinschmit and Cole Langer each tallying one sack.

Redshirt freshman Brandon Thomas led all players with 10 tackles, followed by eight from Dalton Cox.

Nelson finished the game 8-of-12 passing for 98 yards, with Christion completing 7-of-15 attempts for 44 yards. Marquise Lewis led the receiving corps with six catches for 72 yards.

Wallace led the ground game with 67 yards on eight carries. Nelson carried nine times for 57 yards, with Clark Wieneke adding 47 yards on 10 carries.

The Jackrabbits will open fall practices in early August, with the 2016 season opener set for Sept. 3 at Texas Christian. TCU has been one of the top ranked teams in the FBS since they moved to the Big XII, so the Jacks will be giving up size and strength at many positions in their season opener. But Stiegelmeier knows his team has been putting in the work and that they will be ready to lay it on the line in Fort Worth in August.

"Prior to spring ball, the strength coach said the effort in the weight room had been the best it's ever been," Stiegelmeier told First and Goal. "And that's really the prerequisite, that's the start of all this. So I think effort is really in our makeup."



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Cristian Banasiak (69) rushes quarterback Taryn Christion in the Jacks 2016 Spring game. Banasiak finished the scrimmage with two sacks.

### Top Passers

**Kanin Nelson**  
8/12 for 98 yds 2 TD's

**Taryn Christion**  
7/15 for 44 yds 1 TD

### Top Rushers

**Isaac Wallace**  
8 carries for 67 yds 1 TD

**Kanin Nelson**  
9 carries for 57 yds 1 TD

**Clark Wieneke**  
10 carries for 47 yds

### Top Receiver

**Marquise Lewis**  
6 catches for 72 yds 1 TD

### Top Defense

**Brandon Thomas**  
10 tackles

**Dalton Cox**  
8 tackles

**Jared Blum**  
Sack, Forced Fumble, and Fumble Recovery

**Christian Banasiak**  
Two Sacks



# Sports

## in brief

### Women’s Golf

A final-day charge helped the South Dakota State women’s golf team finish second at the 2016 Summit League Championship at the Arbor Links Golf Course Wednesday.

The Jacks had been in fourth after the first round and sat in third heading into the final.

SDSU finished second for the third time (2008, 2010) since joining the Summit League conference. The Jackrabbits shot 930 on the par-72, 6,179-yard course.

Two-time defending champion Denver won the title shooting an 878.

Junior Megan Mingo turned in the best final round and the third-best round of the championship, shooting a two-under par 70 to place seventh. She shot par on the front nine with a birdie on the ninth hole and was two strokes under on the back nine with birdies on the 11th, 12th, 16th and 17th holes.

In their final collegiate competitions, senior Sydney MacDonald finished 10th, and senior Brianna Janu placed 27th. Junior Hallie Getz and sophomore Natcha Srimaneerungroj also competed for the Jacks, finishing 18th and 25th, respectively.

### Men’s Tennis

The match came down to the final set, but the South Dakota State men’s tennis team lost 4-3 at Omaha in Summit League action Saturday afternoon at Miracle Hill Tennis Center to end the 2015-16 season.

The final point was decided at No. 1 singles.

Senior Lovro Curcija had three match

points in the final set, but lost 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 7-5.

With the loss, SDSU finishes 12-11 overall and 1-3 in league play while the Mavericks improved to 10-14 overall and 1-3 in league play.

UNO advances to The Summit League Championship next weekend in Omaha.

### Softball

The South Dakota State Softball team hosted IUPUI for a three game series this past weekend, splitting Friday’s double-header and dropping the rubber match on Saturday.

The Jacks took game one of the series in thrilling fashion. IUPUI took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but SDSU evened the score in the fourth, and that stood through seven innings. In the eighth inning, the Jaguars took a one-run lead, but SDSU responded in the bottom of the inning to extend the game.

Finally, in the bottom of the 11th, Ali Herdliska, who scored the Jacks’ only run in regulation on a solo home run, came across on a wild pitch to take the win.

In game two the Jacks held a lead into the seventh, but IUPUI plated a pair of runs to steal the split.

The Jaguars were more dominant in their series clincher, scoring five runs in the final three innings en route to a 6-2 Jackrabbit loss.

NEXT UP: April 30 @ Fort Wayne

### Baseball

The Jackrabbit baseball team was in Omaha over the weekend for a three game series, and took one game from the Mavericks.

In game one, Omaha pitcher threw a shutout until the ninth inning and struck out ten Jacks as he carried the Mavericks to a 4-1 win.

In game two, the Jacks’ first three batters combined for nine hits and eight runs en route to a 15-3 win.

In the series finale, the Jacks scored three runs in the final two innings, but ultimately fell 10-9. With the Mavs taking the series, SDSU and Omaha are now tied for second place in the Summit League standings, both trailing first place Oral Roberts.

NEXT UP: April 29 @ Brookings

### Track and Field

The SDSU Track and field teams traveled to Fargo for the Lyle Hokanson Classic. On the men’s side, the Jacks claimed three wins.

J.J. Hejna and Reagan Francom each won event titles in the field events. Hejna, a sophomore from Yankton, cleared 6 feet, 6 inches to claim the high jump title. Francom, a freshman from Huron, won the pole vault with a top mark of 15-5. The Jacks also took first place in the 4x400 meter relay.

For the women, Senior Jessica Eibs clocked a runner-up time of 4:45.88 in the 1,500-meter run. SDSU also got the runner-up in the 3,000 meters as freshman Emily Berzonsky placed second in 10:33.75.

Amy Leiferman led the Jackrabbits in the field events with a second-place effort. The senior from Brookings cleared 12 feet, 4.75 inches in pole vault.

NEXT UP: April 29-30 @ Des Moines, Iowa    NEXT UP: April 29 @ Omaha

### Women’s Tennis

For the fourth consecutive year, the South Dakota State women’s tennis team earned a spot in the 2016 Summit League Tennis Championship after defeating Omaha 6-1 Sunday in Summit League action at Miracle Hill Golf and Tennis Center.

After falling at No. 1 singles, senior Florencia Magni secured the win for the Jackrabbits with a 6-4, 6-1 victory at No. 3. Davies won 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2 and Haws-Lay won 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 at No. 4.

With the win, the Jackrabbits will be the No. 3 seed in this weekend’s championship, playing No. 2 seed South Dakota Friday at 9 a.m. at the Koch Family Tennis Center in Omaha. SDSU enters the league championship with a 15-9 overall record and 4-2 mark in league play.



## Athlete of the Week

### Kanin Nelson

## Incoming freshman shows potential

**AUSTIN HAMM**  
Sports Editor

For his performance in the SDSU Spring Game, freshman quarterback Kanin (pronounced Cannon) Nelson, who enrolled this spring to take part in spring practices, is this week’s Collegian Sports Athlete of the Week.

Nelson threw for two touchdowns and ran for another to spark the offense to a 62-47 win over the defense. He was 8-12 passing for 98 yards and carried the ball nine times for 57 yards.

The 6-foot-4 Mitchell, South Dakota native was seemingly third on the quarterback depth chart headed into the spring game, behind 2015 starters Zach Lujan and Taryn Christion. Lujan sat out most of spring practice with injury, while Christion was 7-15 with 44 yards and a touchdown while directing the first team offense.

The Jacks, and whoever their starting quarterback ends up being, will open the 2016 season on September 3 at TCU.

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Runningback Isaac Wallace pulled off the biggest play of the day with a 50-yard run.      DAVE EGGEN • Inertia

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# From Wolters to Zenner, the last four years have been some of the best for SDSU athletics

AUSTIN HAMM  
Sports Editor

I like sports. I always have. So when it came time for me to pick a college out of high school, it wasn't surprising that every school I visited or talked to, I was interested in how their athletic departments were faring.

Full disclosure, my selection of schools was not that of the typical student. I've been on the track team at South Dakota State University all four years, and I was recruited for that sport coming out of high school. Naturally, my first thought about sports was where I fit in on the track and cross-country teams I had the opportunity to join. But, as a sports fan, I did have a real interest in the other teams, particularly basketball and football, and SDSU had a real draw for me in the former.

Nate Wolters and the Jackrabbit men were fresh off an NCAA tournament appearance and a close loss to Baylor. Wolters was coming back for his final season and there was real hype surrounding the team. So, having the Wolters train with a full head of steam and a football team that had playoff experience, I figured I knew I would be coming to a campus with a solid, up and coming athletic department. I didn't realize that I was actually about to see a one of the most historic periods in Jackrabbit sports.

It started with the first football game I went to as a freshman. In the fall of 2013, T the Jacks were opening the season against But-

ler, and the first two down of Jackrabbit football I ever saw were two carries by Zach Zenner. The first went for 39 yards. The second went for 36 yards and a touchdown. And for Zenner, the rest, as they say, is history. He ripped off three straight 2,000-yard seasons and the Jacks continually seemed like they were one North Dakota State upset away from making a deep playoff run, not to mention receiver Jake Wieneke has taken the mantle as the new super Jack on the field.

In basketball, the Jacks made the big dance again, falling to Michigan that year. The women's basketball team kept their streak of Summit League general dominance alive. But beyond those big three sports, there was success all across the SDSU athletic department that may have flown under the radar.

The wrestling team hired Chris Bono as its head coach, and has sent multiple wrestlers to nationals the last three years. Also, under Bono's watch, the Jacks have grown their brand through social media and been part of a merger that brought them into the Big XII conference.

The softball team, after years of being a doormat program, brought in Krista Wood as a new head coach and has seen a substantial uptick in wins each year, as well as seeing many offensive records fall.

The baseball team has become increasingly competitive within the Summit League, and has been producing high caliber players. Two Jacks were drafted in the MLB First Year Player Draft in 2015, including outfielder Zach Coppola, who was near the top of the

NCAA leaderboard in stolen bases last season.

In my own sports, track and field and cross country, we've seen a spike in success. We have had our first-ever two-time All-American in cross country, and this fall had two men finish with All-American honors. We have seen multitudes of school records fall in the past 24 months, had a woman post a world class mark in the triple jump and steadily established ourselves in the seclusive culture that exists in the world of track and field.

I don't mean to live in the past. The SDSU Athletic Department is primed for sustained success. But, when students new to SDSU or just getting into sports are familiarizing themselves with the Jackrabbits, I want them to know what came before them.

Students who sit in the endzone at football games should remember when we crammed into one corner section at Coughlin-Alumni.

When Mike Daum is terrorizing the Summit League in basketball his senior year, I want them to pause and think of the damage Wolters did before they dub him the greatest Jack of all time.

If you're an SDSU sports fan, love the achievements you're around to see. If you're a Jackrabbit athlete; be proud of what you and your teammates accomplish in your time here, but always remember and respect what preceded you, because there is a rule of life that college athletics exemplifies more than anything else. The achievements of the past create the opportunities of the present.

## EdgeBrook Golf Course to offer student discounts

NICK GOEMAN  
Sports Reporter

Brothers Gary and Randy Moen took over at EdgeBrook last winter after the city accepted their plans to improve the course.

The Moen brothers came out of retirement to take over the course after careers in the criminal justice system, and they have been trying to grow the number of memberships among college students.

"All the college kids that come in are going to get a special rate," Randy Moen said.

College students can golf at EdgeBrook for \$19 for nine holes or \$31 for 18 holes and a cart. The rate for unlimited golf starts at \$199 and \$399 for unlimited golf plus a half cart package. The course also offers a par-3 course for \$5 during the week and \$7 on the weekends.

Deals also include a reduced price throughout the summer for students

who stay in Brookings.

They offer \$2 to \$3 beers and \$2 soda, tea and lemonade for happy hour deals everyday.

"I have been golfing at EdgeBrook for two years because the prices are low," Elliot Sammons, a South Dakota State University senior, said. "It's a beautiful course that offers some difficulty but not enough to stray away from the casual golfer."

EdgeBrook is willing to hire students who are looking for part-time or full-time jobs. The course also has volunteer opportunities, like helping out with their youth golf programs.

Besides targeting college students to boost membership, EdgeBrook joined GreatLIFE last March to give players more variety with courses. GreatLIFE is a fitness and golf club based in Sioux Falls, but has made partnerships in nearby areas to increase gym and golf course variety.

Members pay a solid rate each month to play golf at all of the cours-

es for no additional fee other than the price of the cart fee at that course.

"It helps our members be able to go play other courses and then we can get other GreatLIFE members in the door to play here at the price of a cart fee," Randy Moen said.

The Moen brothers have worked to improve the golf course by addressing a few necessary fixes that prohibited golf last year, the main problem being the drainage issues on the front nine holes of the course. Moen thinks there is a natural water spring under the course, which caused water to settle on top of the grounds.

The city completed a \$300,000 project this spring that installed new drain tile underneath the course and built the grounds up for proper drainage.

"We are just beginning to experience the results of the project and by all accounts from our golf course maintenance staff, clubhouse manager and golfers the feedback has been very pos-

itive," said Dan Brettschneider, Parks, Recreation and Forestry director. "The drainage is performing as planned and will definitely make the golf experience much better for our patrons."

During construction of the course, the city also put in two ponds to help with the drainage issues on the front nine.

The clubhouse was a point of interest for the Moen's as well, wanting to improve customer service and foster a friendly atmosphere. New chairs and tables were added after a sizable renovation to the main room.

"Before the 2016 golf season began, we updated the carpet, kitchen flooring, rearranged the layout and installed new restroom amenities in the clubhouse," Brettschneider said.

According to Gary Moen, all the work has made a difference, since memberships have gone up almost \$50,000 from 2015 and \$70,000 from 2014.

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# Former Jackrabbit heads to the majors



Layne Somsen is the third former Jackrabbit to be brought up to the Major Leagues. Somsen pitched for SDSU from 2009-2013.

## JACKRABBIT ATHLETICS

Former South Dakota State University baseball player Layne Somsen became the third former Jackrabbit to reach the Major Leagues, earning a promotion from the Cincinnati Reds on Monday. Somsen is expected to be in uniform Monday night when the Reds play at the New York Mets.

A right-handed pitcher, Somsen was drafted in the 22nd round of the 2013 Major League Baseball Draft and had made 81 appearances over

parts of four seasons in the Reds organization, compiling a 9-5 record with a 2.49 earned run average. He also earned four saves while striking out 175 batters in 173.1 career innings pitched. At Triple-A Louisville (Ky.) so far this season, Somsen made five appearances with a 1.04 ERA and 11 strikeouts in 8.2 innings.

A Yankton native, Somsen pitched at SDSU from 2009-13 and ranks fifth in Jackrabbit history for career innings pitched (215.0), strikeouts (180) and games started (38). He was named Summit

League Pitcher of the Year in 2013 as he led the league with 91 strikeouts and a 1.87 ERA in helping lead the Jackrabbits to their lone appearance in the NCAA Tournament at the Division I level.

Somsen is the third former Jackrabbit player to reach the big leagues, joining fellow pitchers Caleb Thielbar and Blake Treinen. Thielbar pitched for the Minnesota Twins from 2013-15, while Treinen has been a member of the Washington Nationals since 2014.

# Moffitt denied sixth year eligibility with Jacks

ANDREW HOLTAN  
Sports Reporter

The SDSU men's basketball team received tough news Monday when they found out senior point guard Keaton Moffitt was denied a sixth year of eligibility.

Moffitt, who was a fifth year senior this year, applied for a sixth year of eligibility because he missed over 25 games his freshman year when he was at the University of Sioux Falls due to a back injury. Moffitt's career is now officially over as a Jackrabbit. He averaged 4.6 points a game during his career.

That leaves an even bigger hole to fill at the point guard position as the Jacks also lost their starter in George Marshall to graduation.

There are two guys that are most likely to fill that hole in Cole Gentry, who redshirted this past year, and freshman Tevin King who averaged 3.7 points in 14.3 minutes a game.

Gentry is probably the more viable option in the up-tempo offense that the Jacks new head coach T.J. Otzelberger runs. King will most likely play the other guard position.

Either way the Jacks will have a very young back court and a very young team in general. They will not have a single senior on the team, and they lose three starters as well as Moffitt.

There is still a chance the Jacks sign a junior college transfer to get some more experience on the team.



Keaton Moffitt is shown here rushing the net during a game against IUPUI. Moffitt will not be returning to the Jacks next fall.

# NDSU's Wentz to make a name for himself in the NFL

NICK GOEMAN  
Reporter

The South Dakota State Jackrabbits have played some talented athletes throughout the years, but the past two seasons, they had a first hand look at a true future NFL player.

NDSU Bison quarterback Carson Wentz has been projected to go either number one to the Los Angeles Rams or number two to the Cleveland Browns. He's likely to be the second quarterback taken this year behind California quarterback Jared Goff.

In the past two seasons, the Jackrabbits have faced Wentz once in Fargo and once in Brookings for the Dakota Mark-er Game.

"He's obviously a great player, but he's able to make a lot of line checks," SDSU defensive back Nick Mears said. "He's played a lot of football. If you show too

early, he's able to figure out what coverage you're in and he's got a lot of arm talent as well."

Mears said one of the best throws he's seen from Wentz was the last game when he threw a 10-yard out route to a receiver running across the field.

Wentz went 31-47 with 298 yards, two touchdowns, one interception and also rushed 23 times for 157 yards and two touchdowns in the two meetings.

As a junior starter in 2014, Wentz threw for 3,111 yards and 25 touchdowns. He also added 760 rushing yards and 6 touchdowns while leading the Bison to their fourth consecutive FCS championship.

During his senior year, Wentz only started six games before being sidelined for 12 weeks by a broken wrist in late October.

"Carson is the epitome of our program, but we're bigger than just one per-

son," said offensive coordinator Tim Polasek. "The kids reaction was more that the next guy will step up because that's what we do at North Dakota State."

Wentz worked his way back and was cleared to play one week before the FCS Championship game Jan. 9 against number one seeded Jacksonville State.

In the championship, Wentz threw for 197 yards and a touchdown. He also led the Bison with 79 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Wentz finished the 2015 season with a 65 percent completion rate, 1,651 passing yards, 17 passing touchdowns and six rushing touchdowns.

One of the greatest reasons Wentz is a top prospect in this years draft is because of his favorable size of 6 feet 5 inches and his ability to move his 237 pounds like a tight end.

In February, Wentz performed at the NFL combine in Indianapolis and per-

formed in the top three among quarterbacks in almost every drill. Wentz ran a 4.77 second 40 yard-dash, jumped a 9'10" in broad jump and ran a 6.86 3-cone shuttle time.

"Just the natural athlete that he is makes him comfortable throwing the ball on the run, extending plays throwing downfield and then if he has to beat you with his feet," Polasek said.

Wentz is a gifted athlete, but his desire for learning is something that makes him special and is something coach Polasek says started when Wentz was a red-shirt freshman in 2011.

"He was interested in the origin of what we are doing, why we are doing it and how we are doing it," Polasek said. "That was interesting to me because you don't see that out of everybody."

The first round of the NFL Draft will begin Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. on ESPN and NFL Network.

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